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IOWA COUNTY HOMES, 1959

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Explanatory Note

The analysis in this brief report has been made from the information supplied by the Board of Control of State Institutions in Iowa which contain data obtained from the inspection sheets from 77 of the 99 county homes in the state. In spite of the fact that the report has been limited to only 77 county homes, the findings do supply a picture of general conditions in the state. At some future time, a more complete analysis should be made of all the homes in the state.

At present, two types of persons reside in the county homes of the state. These have been classified as MENTAL PATIENTS, the mentally ill, and the DEPENDENT or those commonly known as "Paupers". The terms "Mental" and "Dependent Cases" have been used here to differentiate the two groups of persons housed in the county homes in 1959.

Table 1
Types of Persons in 77 County Homes
in Iowa in 1959

Mental Cases		Percent
Men	1,522	69.0
Women	1,403	
	2,925	
Dependent Cases		39.0
Men	887	
Women	460	
	1,347	
Total	4,272	100.0

MENTAL PATIENTS IN IOWA COUNTY HOMES AND
STATE MENTAL INSTITUTIONS, 1936 to 1960.

No information is available on the number of Dependent persons living in the county homes of Iowa covering a number of years. However, information is presented here on the number of Mental patients in the County Homes and the State Mental Institutes from 1936 to 1960. The number of mental cases in the county homes has increased from 1814 in 1936 to 2497 in 1960 or an increase of 683 cases. In contrast to this, the number of patients in the state institutions has decreased from 6566 in 1936 to 4020 in 1960 or a decrease of 2546 persons. These data are for the number of persons in the respective institutions and exclude patients on leave and others not living in the institutions.

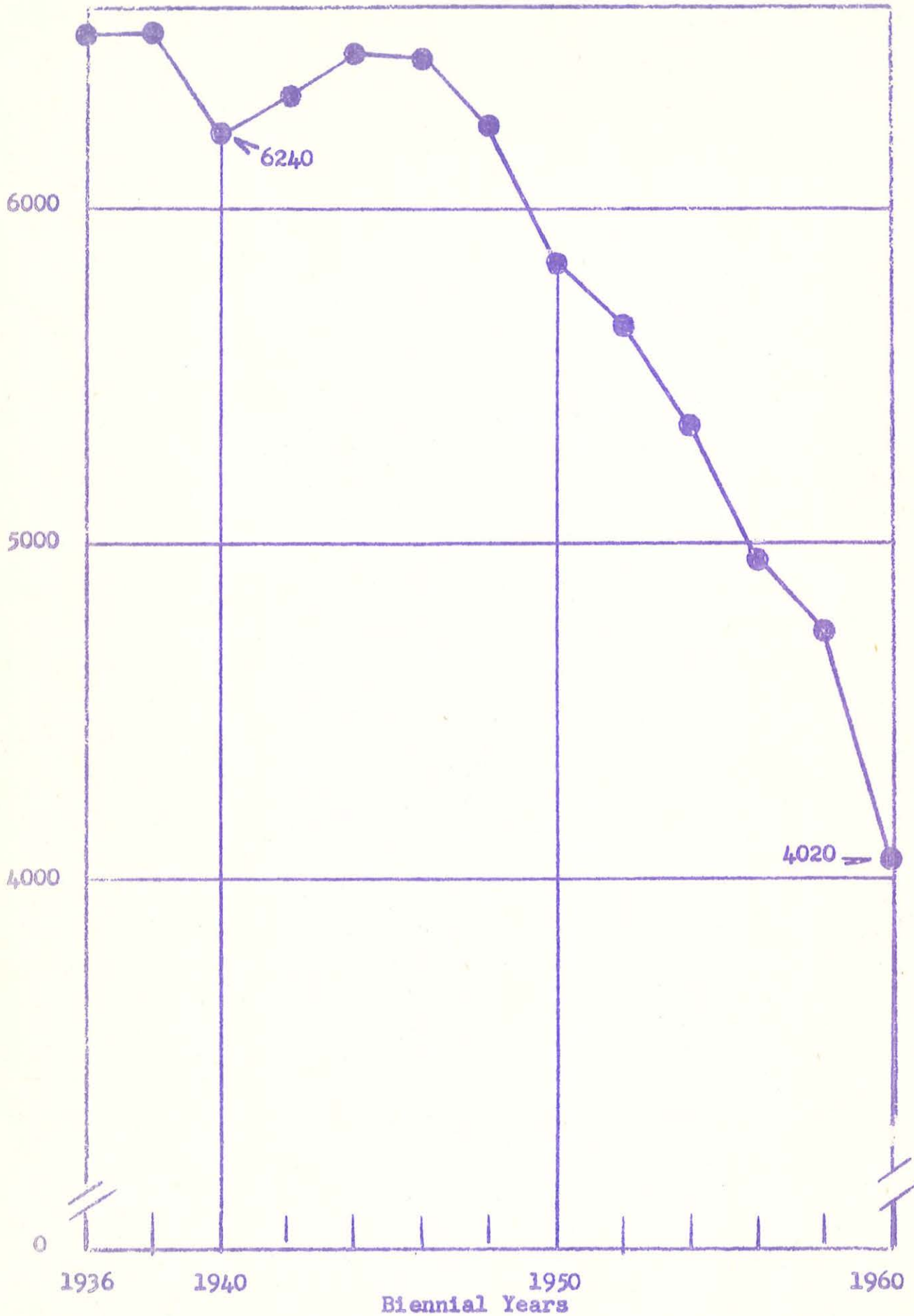
Table 2

MENTAL PATIENTS IN COUNTY HOMES
AND IOWA MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTES 1936-60

Biennial Years	County Homes	State Institutes
1926	1444	5248
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1936	1814	6566
1938	1556	6530
1940	1981	6240
1942	1863	6354
1944	1945	6477
1946	1821	6457
1948	1893	6341
1950	2308	5839
1952	2244	5667
1954	2268	5367
1956	N.R.	4951
1958	2320	4722
1960	2497	4020

Sources: Biennial Reports, Board of Control
Reports for respective years.

MENTAL PATIENTS IN IOWA MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTES, 1936 TO 1960



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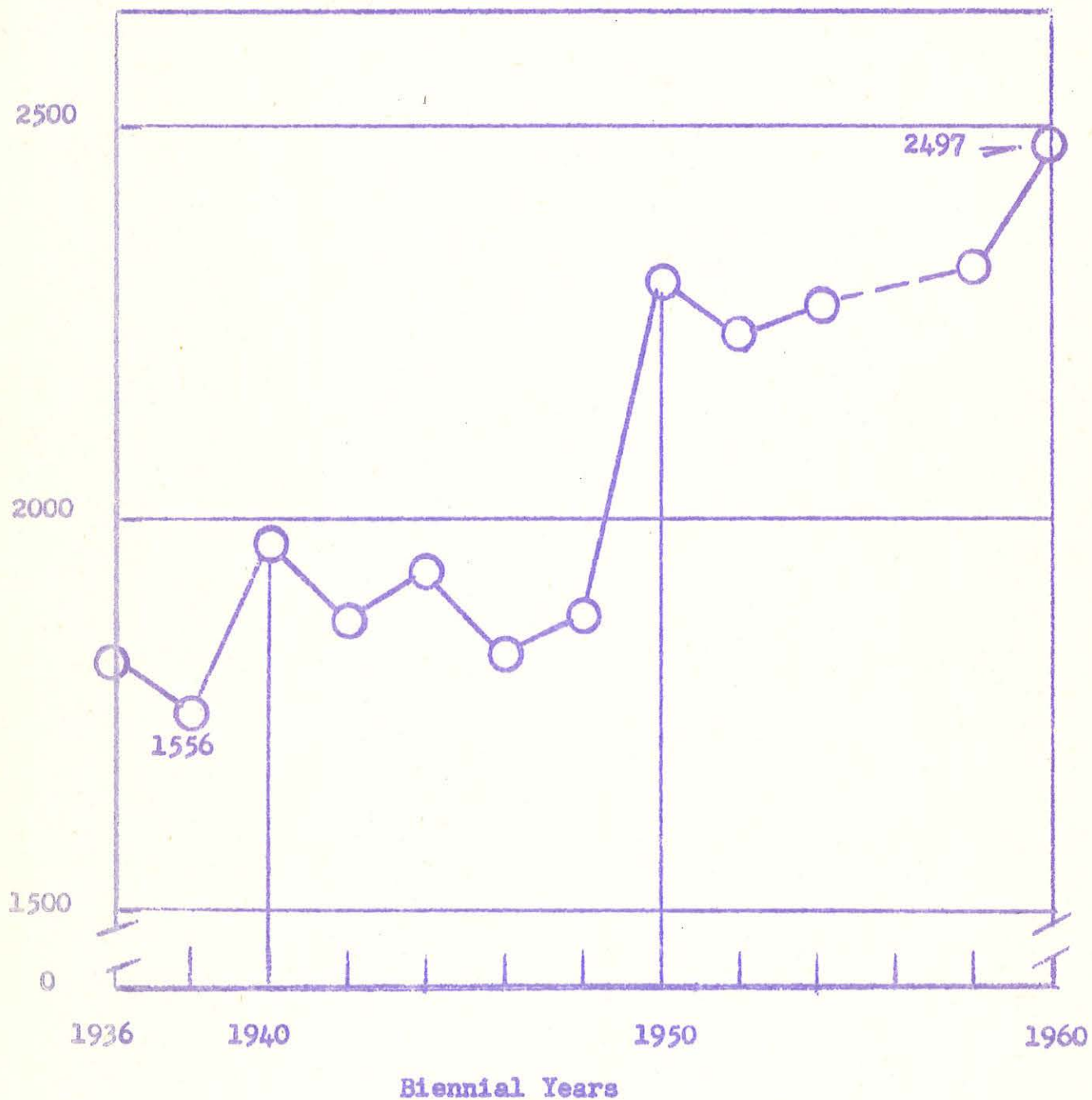


Table 3

Iowa County Homes, 1959 Capacity,
Number Present and Percent Occupied in 77 Counties.

County Groups	Capacity	Number Present	Percent Occupied
I - Rural Farm	604	475	79.0
II - Small Town	1,115	772	69.0
III - Large Town	1,048	863	82.0
IV - Small City	901	754	83.0
V - Large City	1,791	1408	78.0
Total	5,459	4272	78.0

In 1959 there were 4272 men and women in 77 county homes in Iowa. No reports are available for the remaining 22 counties. These 77 county Homes have a capacity for 5459 persons. In 1959, these 77 county homes were 78 percent occupied.

Table 4

TYPES OF PERSONS IN 77 COUNTY
HOMES IN IOWA IN 1959

County Group	Mental Cases		Total	Dependent Cases		Total	Total
	Men	Women		Men	Women		
I	177	147	324	100	51	151	475
II	244	236	480	189	103	292	772
III	302	298	600	161	102	263	863
IV	387	273	560	125	69	194	754
V	512	449	961	312	135	447	1408
Total	1522	1403	2925	887	460	1347	4272

Table 5

PERSONS IN IOWA COUNTY HOMES BY TYPE OF INDIVIDUAL, 1959

County Group	Mental		Dependent		Total	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
I	324	68.0	151	32.0	475	100.0
II	480	62.0	292	38.0	772	100.0
III	600	69.0	263	31.0	863	100.0
IV	560	74.0	194	26.0	754	100.0
V	961	68.0	447	32.0	1408	100.0
Total	2925	68.0	1347	32.0	4272	100.0

Table 6
Average Annual Salaries for
Stewards and Matrons in 77 County Homes
in Iowa, 1959

County Group	Steward	Matron
I	\$3320.00	\$3221.00
II	\$4294.00	\$4294.00
III	\$3499.00	\$3280.00
IV	\$4380.00	\$4190.00
V	\$4776.00	\$4669.00

Table 7

Employee - Patient Ratio in
77 County Homes in Iowa, 1959

County Group	Total Patients	Employees	Patients per Employee
I	475	79	6.0
II	772	160	4.8
III	863	137	6.3
IV	754	98	8.1
V	1408	239	6.0
Total	4272	713	6.0

There is one employer for 6 persons in the 77 county homes. The ratio varies from 4.8 to 8.1 in the various county groups.

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GROUP I. 23 Rural Farm Counties

County	Capacity		Number Present						TOTAL	Percent Filled	
	M	F	TOTAL	Mental		Total	Dependent				
				M	W		M	W			Total
	No Report										
Adair	No Report										
Adams	10	10	20	6	6	12	2	4	6	18	90
Adubon	8	8	16	3	3	6	7	1	8	14	87
Butler	12	11	23	2	6	8	5	2	7	15	65
Calhoun	20	20	40	10	12	22	10	3	13	35	87
Clayton	30	30	60	25	19	44	0	0	0	44	73
Decatur	20	20	40	14	12	26	4	1	5	31	77
Dickinson	30	30	60	14	10	24	16	7	23	47	78
Fremont	16	16	32	6	5	11	8	5	13	24	75
Grundy	No Report										
Guthrie	25	25	50	5	9	14	6	6	12	26	52
Hancock	35	19	54	12	10	22	8	2	10	32	59
Ida	No Report										
Iowa	48	20	68	40	13	53	9	7	16	69	102
Keokuk	30	16	46	17	12	29	13	4	17	46	100
Louisa	9	8	17	7	5	12	2	3	5	17	100
Osceola	No Report										
Pocahontas	16	16	32	7	7	14	2	3	5	19	59
Ringgold	No Report										
Taylor	No Report										
Van Buren	17	29	46	9	18	27	8	3	11	38	83
Wayne	No Report										
Worth	No Report										
TOTAL	326	278	604	177	147	324	100	51	151	475	79

GROUP II. 34 Small-Town Counties

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COUNTY	Capacity			Number Present						Percent Filled	
	M	W	TOTAL	Mental			Dependent				
				M	W	Total	M	W	Total		
O'Brien	34	16	50	22	16	38	6	0	6	44	83
Palo Alto	No Report										
Sac	No Report										
Shelby	9	9	18	4	2	6	4	1	5	11	61
Sioux	30	30	60	11	15	26	9	9	18	44	73
Tama	26	26	52	13	10	23	11	4	15	38	73
Warren	No Report										
Winnebago	39	27	66	10	5	15	20	9	29	44	66
Wright	No Report										
TOTAL	588	527	1115	244	236	480	189	103	292	772	73.7

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GROUP III. 22 Large-Town Counties

County	Capacity		Number Present							TOTAL	Percent Filled
	M	W	TOTAL	Mental		Total	Dependent				
				M	W		M	W	Total		
Appanoose	15	15	30	17	12	29	0	1	1	30	100
Buena Vista	24	3	27	9	3	12	11	1	12	24	89
Carroll	16	16	32	6	4	10	10	2	12	22	69
Cass	11	11	22	5	14	19	2	0	2	21	95
Cherokee	No Report										
Clay	No Report										
Dallas	35	35	70	21	17	38	18	7	25	63	90
Emmett	6	4	10	1	7	8	3	0	3	11	110
Fayette	75	75	150	39	53	92	21	21	42	134	89
Floyd	34	28	62	16	18	34	4	1	5	39	63
Hamilton	24	18	42	14	15	29	7	2	9	38	90
Jefferson	30	37	67	18	16	34	11	4	15	49	73
Lucas	50	50	100	26	19	45	1	1	2	47	47
Marion	20	20	40	10	21	31	5	4	9	40	100
Monroe	25	25	50	15	25	40	4	0	4	44	88
Montgomery	18	18	36	7	4	11	13	5	18	29	81
Page	18	18	36	13	6	19	7	4	11	30	83
Plymouth	31	31	62	12	12	24	4	16	20	44	71
Poweshiek	8	9	17	5	8	13	14	12	26	39	229
Union	21	18	39	11	12	23	2	1	3	26	67
Washington	45	29	74	24	16	40	11	10	21	61	82
Winneshiek	49	33	82	33	16	49	13	10	23	72	88
TOTAL	555	493	1048	302	298	600	161	102	263	863	90.2

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GROUP IV. Small-City Counties

County	Capacity			Number Present						TOTAL	Percent Filled
	M	W	TOTAL	Mental		Total	Dependent				
				M	W		M	W	Total		
Boone	63	62	125	26	29	55	11	5	16	71	57
Jasper	76	76	152	57	50	107	6	5	11	118	78
Johnson	14	16	30	11	15	26	2	1	3	29	97
Lee	74	51	125	45	45	90	16	12	28	118	94
Mahaska	49	51	100	36	34	70	6	8	14	84	84
Marshall	56	57	113	26	39	65	22	17	39	104	92
Muscatine	29	17	46	21	11	32	8	6	14	46	100
Story	55	55	110	40	30	70	18	0	18	88	80
Webster	55	45	100	25	20	45	36	15	51	96	96
TOTAL	471	430	901	287	273	560	125	69	194	754	86.4

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GROUP V. 11 Large-City Counties

County	Capacity			Number Present						TOTAL	Percent Filled
	M	W	TOTAL	Mental		Total	Dependent				
				M	W		M	W	Total		
Black Hawk	96	84	180	74	71	145	20	9	29	174	97
Cerro Gordo	90	50	140	50	43	93	6	0	6	99	71
Clinton	75	75	150	34	37	71	53	19	72	143	95
Des Moines	100	100	200	46	59	105	29	24	53	158	79
Dubuque	48	2	50	13	1	14	30	1	31	45	90
Linn	90	85	175	39	35	74	39	20	59	133	76
Polk	237	137	374	115	121	236	35	18	53	289	77
Pottawattamie	21	21	42	19	5	24	14	1	15	39	93
County Home											
Scott &	114	111	225	65	25	90	44	14	58	148	54
Pine Knoll											
Wapello	75	60	135	40	31	71	19	9	28	99	73
Woodbury	60	60	120	17	21	38	23	20	43	81	67
TOTAL	1006	785	1791	512	449	961	312	135	447	1408	78.0